



Figure 1: COFMS fire personnel capture a photo of Friday's lightning storm.

Lightning forecast to return followed by cooler temperatures and less fire risk

Lightning may return to the region today and each afternoon through Wednesday. Areas most likely to be impacted remain unknown due to unstable conditions in the upper atmosphere, however forecasters show some potential for activity west of the Cascades. Though efficiency will remain high, Predictive Services indicate the upcoming storm will be as intense as those recently experienced. Red flag warnings are in place for much of Washington with the Seattle area likely to reach a six on the Haines Index tomorrow. Heavy smoke across the state has helped to moderate fire behavior and is likely to remain in the area through most of the week. In Oregon, the risk of fire is rated as high for areas east of the Cascades. Changing weather late in the week should be a boon for crews with lower temperatures and an increase in relative humidity expected. Notable amounts of precipitation remain unlikely.

Helpful Links:

PNW Execs blog: pnwexecs.blogspot.com (this page provide execs with easily accessed tools for looking ahead 3 days to 30 days. All are links to NWCC pages but made easy to find on this one page)

NWCC Blog: <http://nwccinfo.blogspot.com/>

Southern Oregon JIC blogspot: <http://swojic.blogspot.com/>

Washington Smoke blog: <http://wasmoke.blogspot.com/>

7-Day Fire Potential Outlook: <https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/content/products/fwx/guidance/DL.pdf>

NWCC Morning Brief: <https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/content/products/intelligence/MORNINGBRIEF.pdf>

<https://inciweb.nwcc.gov/incident/photographs/6093/>

USA Fire Story Map: <https://storymaps.esri.com/stories/usa-wildfires/>

Fire related articles:

Drone threatens fire operations in southwestern Oregon

<https://www.oregonlive.com/expo/news/erry-2018/08/6b8fa147951565/major-wildfires-in-oregon-blaz.html>

Crescent Mountain Fire threatens 300 homes

<https://www.krem.com/article/news/local/wildfire/crescent-mountain-fire-threatens-300-structures/293-585413249>

Two new grass fires burn 8,000 acres

<https://www.ktvz.com/news/crews-tackle-lightning-sparked-fires-watch-for-more/783221688>

It's simple: Global warming worsens wildfires

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/environment/global-warming-worsens-wildfires/>

Wildfires make August campfires and endangered species

<http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2018/aug/19/wildfires-make-august-camp-fires-an-endangered-spe/>

Wildfire in Hood River prompts hotel evacuation

<https://www.ktvz.com/news/wildfire-prompts-hood-river-hotel-evacuation/783482913>

New/Emerging Fires:

Oregon State –



Figure 2: Growth continues on the Stubblefield Fire.

Stubblefield Fire: OSFM Blue Team assumed command of the Stubblefield Fire at 11:00 pm Aug. 17. The fire is burning 7 miles northwest of Condon. A Central Oregon type 3 team joined them in unified command on Aug. 18. The fire has burnt an estimated 17,000 acres. The teams are also managing other fires in Gilliam County, to include the 250-acre 1018 Fire burning near Fossil, the Buckhorn Fire, and the 161 McDonald fire that was reported at 400 acres burning six miles east of Lone Rock. Level 3 and 2 evacuations remain in place with several residences and structures threatened by the Stubblefield and 161 McDonald Fires. The 161 McDonald Fire is now being managed under the Kinzua Complex. Community meetings are planned for Aug. 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Condon and Aug. 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Lonerock.

Westcliff: Located in Hood River and started by a structure fire. The railroad is shut down, evacuations have taken place, and there have been impacts to highways and other structures. As of the afternoon of Aug. 19, the fire was at 7 acres.

Mile Post 6 Fire: This fire burned 1,500 acres on the Crooked River National Grasslands six miles south of Madras, but crews were able to get a line constructed around the fire. All lines are holding.

Sorefoot Fire: Firefighters responded to the Sorefoot Fire burning 6 miles northwest of Clarno on the Prineville District of the BLM. It is 800 acres in size and 90 percent contained.

Silent Butte: 20 acres in logging slash. Engines and equipment on site with an order for two hand crews.

Grizzly Road Fire: Firefighters had lined the 360 acre fire burning 11 southeast of Madras.

Eli Creek: This lightning fire has burned 5,500 acres 12 miles southwest of Pilot Rock.

Tenino Fire: The Tenino fire is burning on the Warm Springs Reservation about 5 miles southwest of Warm Springs. It was reported at 9,600 acres and has a Type 3 IMT assigned.

Devils Lake Fire: This new start is burning 10 acres on the Northwest District of BLM. Limited information is available.

29 Corridor Fire: The fire is located on the Umpqua National Forest near South Umpqua Falls. It is estimated at five acres.

Terwilliger Fire: This fire is located on the Willamette National Forest near the Terwilliger Hot Springs. The fire is growing quickly and posing challenges to IA. Movement across crowns was taking place upon IA arrival. A Type 3 IMT will in-brief tonight.

Near miss - An ODF detection flight with a FS employee on board departed John Day Airport in a Cesena 182. They heard a noise in the engine and returned to John Day where they had a normal landing. While taxiing back, the engine quit and a tow was required.



Figure 3: IMTs and personnel remain active in Central Oregon while trying to ensure adequate incident management.

1039 (Jennie's Peak) Fire: A Type 3 IMT in-briefed this morning to manage this 4,600 acre fire with 0 percent containment located 13 miles south of Fossil. Active fire behavior has been reported and the fuel type is grass and brush. A Type 2 IMT is being ordered by COFMS, which will work in unified command with the IMT assigned to the Stubblefield Fire.

Kinzua Complex: A Type 3 IMT is managing multiple fires within a ten mile radius of Fossil, totaling 550 acres and burning in a mix of timber and brush. The complex includes the previously reported 161 McDonald, 57 Kinzua, 158 Ricks Creek, 165 Rancheria, and 172 Oxhead Fires.

Washington State –

Elm Fire - Burning on the Spokane District of BLM, this fire is 90 percent contained at 2,000 acres.

Meninick Pass - This lightning-caused fire is burning on the Yakima Agency, and is reportedly 5,537 acres and 90 percent contained.

Kelly Mountain is burning 44 acres and 25 percent contained, burning on the Colville National Forest. A Local Type 3 team is on the fire. No direct option is available, so crews will use roads in area, likely to be up to 800 acres. The fire is burning about a mile south of the Canadian border. More information can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6132/>

Kettle River/1904 Fire: started on Aug. 11 on private land, but escaped containment lines and burned onto the Colville NF. It is 52 acres and 10 percent contained. <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6132/>

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Cougar Creek/Bannock Lake/White Pine/Lost Fires: CA Type 1 Team 5 (Young) is managing all four fires. Cougar Creek fire is reported at 35,809 acres and Bannock Lake Fire is at 444 acres. Containment is at 35



Figure 4: Firing operations on the Crescent Mountain Fire.

percent. Evacuation levels remain the same. Notable growth has been seen on the west flank with the fire reaching containment lines. Spotting is also occurring in this area. A DRTI flight detected a few spots, which crews will work to address. High winds are forecast in the area for Aug. 19, which will make holding the line a challenge. Surge resources will be placed on the western flank to provide added support. The area of Grandma Creek on the northeastern edge continues to be monitored with some activity detected. Three accidents were reported yesterday. One involved a low-speed impact during a turn between a dozer under transport and a civilian vehicle. The second involved a broken finger. The third accident involved a contract water tender sliding off a soft shoulder and rolling over multiple times down a steep embankment. Technical extraction of the driver was required. The driver was taken to a hospital via life flight and is in stable condition today. A filming crew from PBS NOVA will be on site today. More information is at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6053/>

Crescent Mountain/McLeod/Doe Fires: (SA IMT 1, IC Wilkins) assumed command today of the 24,983-acre Crescent Mountain fire, and the 11,663-acre [McLeod Fire](#). Containment for Crescent Mountain Fire is at 34 percent. Level 3 evacuation levels remain in effect for 40 homes in the area of Twisp. Crews continue to hold containment north of the Twisp River in the Abernathy drainage. Focus is being placed on prepping for tactical firing operations along existing roads and lines. A red IWI occurred last night for a previously unidentified bee sting that resulted in a severe allergic reaction. The victim was transported to the hospital and later released for light duty. A community meeting is planned for Tuesday evening in Twisp. More information is at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6093/>

Boys Fire: (NW Team 11, IC Rabe) This fire is more than 3,535 acres with 43 percent containment and burning 3 miles west of Kettle Falls. Level 3 evacuations were lowered to Level 2. U.S. Hwy. 20 and Hwy 395 were both reopened with both areas in mop up. Crews plumbed and reinforced line on the west flank allowing for some direct attack. Preparation is taking place for burn out operations from Bisbee Mountain to the Northeast corner. One transport related to a bee sting to the tongue was reported along with one twisted knee. The team is coordinating closely for several products with NW Team 9 on the Horns Mountain Fire. More information can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6139/>

Horns Mountain: (NW Team 9, IC Goff) This fire on the Colville NF started less than one mile from the Canadian border and is 2,413 acres and 20 percent contained. It has crossed the Canadian border and has burned 619 acres (250 hectares) in British Columbia (BC). On the Canadian side, the fire is threatening regional transmission lines, private timber and grazing allocations, and 33 nearby homes. An evacuation alert has been issued for these residents. British Columbia is providing some heavy equipment and supporting fire operations on the BC side and conducted air operations yesterday. On the US side, air operations have been limited by smoke. A new spike camp is being established to lessen long drive times. More information can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6138/>

Miriam Fire: (NW Team 8, IC Johnson) The fire is 2,972 acres, 10% contained and burning 3 miles east of the White Pass Ski Area in the Goat Rocks Wilderness, 32 miles southwest of Naches, WA. Crews had favorable fire behavior on the east flank yesterday and used helicopters to check fire spread to the south. Along the 1207 road, crews conducted a burnout operation. A small amount of heat was detected in the Miriam Creek drainage but not movement has taken place. Currently, 323 residences remain in Level 1 evacuations and 60 in Level 3. The Clear Fork Fire is contained. More information is at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6066/>.

Maple Fire: (Type 3) The Maple Fire is approximately 1,727 acres and 44 percent contained in steep rugged terrain on Olympic National Forest and WADNR managed lands. The Maple Fire may be transferred to a Type 4 IMT in the coming week. More information can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6111/>.

LARGE INCIDENTS - OREGON

Taylor Creek and Klondike Fire: (AK Team 1, IC T. Kurth, CA 4, IC J. Kurth). CA Team 4 IC J. Kurth assumed command of the west zone of Klondike yesterday morning, with the primary incident command post in Gold Beach and a satellite camp in Agness. Point protection of homes south of the Illinois River and on private inholdings between the two fires will continue. Crews are continuing to move the southern edge of the fire away from the community of Selma and in toward the Chetco Bar Fire burn scar. One accident was reported, likely attributed to cold medication. On the west flank of the fire, CA 4 IMT is working with local sheriff's offices to reopen some roads to allow access to the Rogue River for outfitters. The team is also trying open some roads for scouting and is planning to have crews build three to five miles of line on the western flank within the next two days. The Regional Forester is reviewing a request for dozer use in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness. Public meetings are planned for Sunday in Agness, Monday in Cave Junction, and Tuesday in Gold Beach.



Figure 5: A contract helicopter on the Natchez Fire.

- Taylor Creek Fire 52,588 acres (estimated) and at 61 percent containment. More information is at the swojic.blogspot.com and <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6058/>
- Klondike Fire is 66,000 acres (estimated) with 15 percent contained, and burning in Kalmiopsis Wilderness. More info is at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5998/>

Natchez Fire: Northern Rockies Type 1 IMT (IC Goicoechea) The Natchez Fire is 19,680 acres and 57 percent contained. Growth in acres is primarily attributed to firing operations that took place yesterday, which extended the control line. Evacuation notifications remain in place. The community of Sunstar has been placed in a Level 1 evacuation "Ready" status. Mop up and patrol is in place on the east flank. Line preparation will take place from Mud Lake to Lookout Mountain. One accident related to a cut to a finger was reported. A transfer of command is scheduled at 6:00 a.m. Tuesday morning. More information is the swojic.blogspot.com and <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5948/>

Miles/Columbus (ODF Team 3, IC Smith and NR Team 2 - IC Turman): Evacuation levels remain in place with some areas downgraded. The fire is at 47,170 acres with 35% containment. Level 2 evacuations remain in place. Shortages continue in middle management. PNW 3, IC Livingston in-briefed yesterday,

will shadow today, and will assume command on Monday. One severe case of poison oak was reported along with two illnesses from the kitchen. More information is available at:



<https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/5966/>

Watson Creek – (NW Team 6, IC Sheldon) This fire is burning 13 miles west of Paisley on the Fremont- Winema NF. It started Aug. 15 and has grown to more than 16,227 acres with zero percent containment. NW Team 6 assumed command at 6:00 p.m. Aug. 17. A significant spot fire was reported Aug. 18 but was quickly lined by dozers. Some spotting and running occurred near the 3915 Road and the fire began burning on land owned by the Green Diamond Timber Company. Crews were able to line this area of the fire quickly. A Level 1 evacuation is in effect for Paisley, where a cooperator meeting and community meeting will take place Aug. 19. One accident was reporting with on fire vehicle bumping into the back of another while driving through heavy dust. More information is available at: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6153/>

Figure 6: Crews have been challenged by the Watson Creek Fire.